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SPECIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

BE IT KNOWN, That we Robert James Monson, a citizen of the United States, residing in St. Paul, Ramsey County, State of Minnesota; Wesley Eugene Revely, a citizen of the United States, residing in Apple Valley, Dakota County, State of Minnesota; and Trevor J. McCollough, a citizen of the United States, residing in Minneapolis, Hennepin County State of Minnesota have invented new and useful improvements in SHOCK AND VIBRATION SYSTEM of which the following is a specification.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

- 5 This invention relates generally to shock and vibration isolation systems and more specifically to a compact symmetrical shock and vibration isolation system that provides three axis isolation for shock and vibration.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- 10 The concept of shock isolation systems is known in the art. Typically, shock mounts support a cabinet or workstation through a set of shock mounts that enable an external shock to the system to be attenuated by the shock mounts before it damages equipment mounted in the cabinet or the workstation.
- 15 The present invention comprises an improved shock and vibration isolation system wherein a plurality of shock mounts arranged in symmetrical condition provide for three axis shock and vibration protection while at the same time providing a compact system wherein the system can utilize the interaction between adjacent components to assist in attenuation of shocks and vibrations.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

- Briefly, the present invention comprises a compact shock and vibration isolation system whereby a plurality of shock mounts are cantileverly and symmetrically positioned between an outer member and an inner member which is centrally positioned with respect to the
- 25 outer member to enable the equipment located thereon to assist in attention of shock and vibration.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a side section view of a compact shock and vibration system having a radially extending platform;

5 Figure 2 is a top view of the compact shock and vibration system of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is top view of a compact shock and vibration system having cabinets peripherally positioned about a center support;

10 Figure 4 is a side sectional view of the compact shock and vibrations system of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is top view of a compact shock and vibration system having a rectangular platform cantileverly supported by a center member;

15 Figure 6 is a top view of a cylindrical compact shock and vibration system with a shock and vibration isolation compartment located centrally within an outer cylindrical support; and

Figure 7 is a side sectional view of the compact shock and vibration system of Figure 6.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Figure 1 is a side sectional view of a compact shock and vibration system 10 having a radially extending platform 12. A rigid mounted center pole 13 extends vertically upward through a central opening 11 in platform 12. Shock and vibrations, which are received by
25 center pole 13, are isolated from the platform 12 by the symmetrical positioning of radially extending shock mounts 18, 19, 20 and 21 (see Figure 2). Opening 11 provides sufficient radially spacing between center pole 13 and platform 12 so that a shock or vibration to the

center pole 13 does not produce platform displacement sufficient to produce direct contact between the center pole 13 and platform 13. Figure 1 shows that cantileverly extending outward from center pole 13 are elastomeric shock mounts 18 and 19 that each have one end fixedly secured to pole 13 and the other end fixedly secured to platform 12. A first
5 workstation 27 and a second workstation 28 are shown mounted on platform 12.

Figure 2 is a top view of the compact shock and vibration system of Figure 1 showing four elastomeric shock mounts 18, 19, 20 and 21 radially and symmetrically positioned about center pole 13, much like the spokes on a wheel. Each of elastomeric shock mounts 20 and
10 21 have one end fixedly secured to pole 13 and the other end fixedly secured to platform 12. Platform 12, which extends radially outward from the center pole 13, includes a first workstation 25, a second workstation 26, a third workstation 27 and a fourth workstation 28. Each of the workstations are symmetrically positioned around the periphery of platform 12 as are the elastomeric shock mounts 18, 19, 20 and 21.

15 In order to provide compactness to the system the workstations can be partially or fully mounted in the radial sector spaces extending between adjacent radially extending elastomers shock mounts. Figure 2 illustrates that workstation 27 is partially mounted within the radial sector space 12a, which is located between radially extending elastomer
20 shock mounts 19 and 20. Similarly, workstation 26 is partially mounted within the radial sector space 12b which is located between elastomeric shock mounts 20 and 21, workstation 25 is partially mounted within the radial sector space 12c, which is located between elastomeric shock mounts 21 and 18, and workstation 28 is partially mounted within the radial sector space 12d, which is located between elastomeric shock mounts 18
25 and 19.

Figure 4 is a side sectional view of the compact shock and vibrations system of Figure 3 illustrating that the peripheral cabinets 31 extend vertically along the center post 32 to provide for vertical storage space within the cabinets. In the embodiments shown the peripheral cabinet 31 includes a second set of elastomer shock mounts 40a which are
5 identical to the first set of elastomer shock mounts 40. The purpose of the second set of shock mounts is to provide for spaced elastomeric support along an axis 32a through post 32, thus enabling the support of an elongated peripheral cabinet 31 therearound.

In the embodiment shown in figure 3 and Figure 4 the elongated peripheral cabinet 31 is
1 0 located radially exterior of the elastomer shock mounts with the elastomeric shock mounts cantileverly mounted and symmetrical spaced with the elastomeric shock mounts positioned at an approximate 45 degree angle so as to provide shock and vibration isolation in all three mutually coordinate axis.

1 5 Figure 5 is top view of a compact shock and vibration system 50 having a horizontal extending rectangular platform 51 positioned normally outward of and cantileverly supported by a center member 52. Member 52 comprises an elongated wall with a first elastomeric mount 53 having a first end connected to platform 51 and second end connected to member 52. A second elastomer member 54 has a first end connected to platform 51 and
2 0 as second end connected to center member 52. On the opposite side of system 50 a third elastomeric mount 55 having a first end connected to platform 51a and second end connected to member 52. A second elastomer member 54 has a first end connected to platform 51 and as second end connected to center member 52. System 50 provides for symmetrical positioning of elastomeric shock mounts on each side of wall 52 so that the
2 5 platform 51a, which connects to platform 51 thorough supports 51c and 51d moves as a unit to thereby cause the inertia of objects on the platform to aid in shock and vibration attenuation.

Figure 6 is a top view of compact cylindrical shock and vibration system 60 with a shock and vibration isolation compartment 61 located centrally within an outer cylindrical support member 62, which may be a silo or the like. In the embodiment shown a plurality of
5 elastomeric shock mounts 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 each extend radially outward from a central cabinet 61 to outer support member 61 to provide central support to cabinet 61. Each of the elastomeric shock mounts are symmetrical positioned to provide symmetrical shock and vibration attenuation to the payload in the cabinet 61 and each of the shock mounts have one end affixed to member 62 and the opposite end affixed to cabinet 61.

10 Figure 7 is a side sectional view of the compact shock and vibration system 60 of Figure 6 with the central cabinet 61 positioned along a vertical axis 69. In this embodiment the protected payload, which is located within central cabinet 61, receives symmetrical peripheral support from each of the elastomeric shock mounts as they coact to attenuate
15 shock and vibrations to the cabinet 61 from radial directions as well as along the vertical axis 69. In system 60 the elongated elastomeric shock mounts are positioned to extend longitudinally between the central cabinet 61 and the outer member 62 which can be rigidly mounted. Access to central cabinet can be obtained through the sector spaces 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74 which are located between each of the adjacent radially extending elastomeric
20 shock mounts.

Thus the present invention comprises a shock and vibration system for symmetrical isolation of shocks. The system includes a first member having an interior space, a second member, with the second member positioned interiorly with respect to the first member and
25 a plurality of elastomeric shock mounts, each of the plurality of elastomeric shock mounts having a first end connected to the first member and a second end connected to the second member with each of the elastomeric shock mounts symmetrical positioned in the interior

space to thereby provide either shock or vibration isolation or both between the first member and the second member.

- 5 The present invention also provides a method of shock and vibration attenuation between a first member and a second member by placing a second member interior to a first member; and symmetrically positioning and mounting a plurality of elastomeric shock mounts between the second member and the first member with each of the elastomeric shock mounts cantileverly extending between the second member and the first member to provide cantilevered support thereto.

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We claim:

1. A shock and vibration system for symmetrical isolation of shocks comprising:

a first member having an interior space;

a second member, said second member positioned interiorly with respect to said

5 first member; and

a plurality of elastomeric shock mounts, each of said plurality of elastomeric shock mounts having a first end connected to said first member and a second end connected to said second member with each of said elastomeric shock mounts symmetrical positioned in the interior space to thereby provide shock and vibration isolation between said first

10 member and said second member.

2. The shock and vibration system of claim 1 wherein said first member is fixedly mounted.

15 3. The shock and vibration system of claim 1 wherein said second member is fixedly mounted.

4. The shock and vibration system of claim 3 wherein said first member circumferentially surrounds said second member.

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5. The shock and vibration system of claim 3 wherein said second member comprises a pole with said first member comprising a platform extending radially outward from said pole.

25 6 The shock and vibration system of claim 5 wherein said elastomeric shock mounts cantileverly extend at an acute angle between said first member and said second member.

7. The shock and vibration system of claim 5 wherein a plurality of workstations are symmetrical and concentrically positioned on said platform.

8. The shock and vibration system of claim 6 including at least four elastomeric shock
5 mounts symmetrical positioned around said pole to form radial sector spaces therebetween with each of said workstations at least partially positioned in said radial sector spaces to provide a symmetrical loading of said elastomeric shock mounts.

9. The shock and vibration system of claim 3 wherein said second member comprises
10 a pole with said first member comprising a plurality of storage compartments extending radially outward from said pole.

10. The shock and vibration system of claim 2 wherein said second member has a
15 chamber with a platform therein with said platform coaxially positioned with respect to said first member

11. The shock and vibration system of claim 10 wherein said elastomeric shock mounts
20 cantileverly support said platform to thereby isolate said platform from shocks to said first member.

12. The method of isolating shocks between a first member and a second member
comprising:

placing a second member interior to a first member; and

25 symmetrically positioning and mounting a plurality of shock mounts between said second member and said first member with each of the shock mounts cantileverly extending between said second member and said first member to provide cantilevered support thereto.

13. The method of claim 12 including the step of placing the second member coaxial with the first member.

14. the method of claim 12 including the step of fixedly supporting said second member to enable said first member to provide a shock attenuated platform.

15. the method of claim 12 including the step of fixedly supporting said first member to enable said second member to provide a shock attenuated platform.

16. The method of claim 12 including the step of placing multiple workstations on said first member with said multiple workstations symmetrically and concentrically positioned around said first member.

17. The method of claim 12 including the step of forming a compartment in said second member with said compartment concentrically positioned with respect to said first member so that each of said shock mounts coact to isolate said compartment from shocks.

18. The method of claim 12 wherein the shock mounts are angularly positioned to provide for shock and vibration attention in three mutually perpendicular axis.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compact shock and vibration isolation system wherein a plurality of shock mounts are cantileverly and symmetrically positioned between an outer member and an inner member which is centrally positioned with respect to the outer member to enable the equipment

5 located thereon to assist in attenuation of shock and vibration.

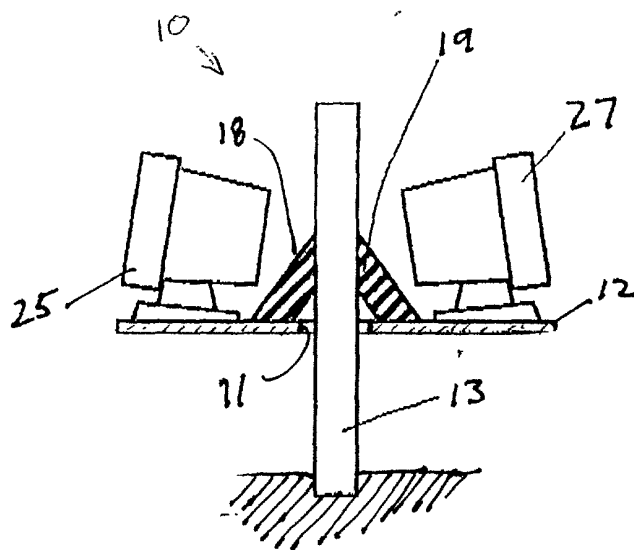


Figure 1

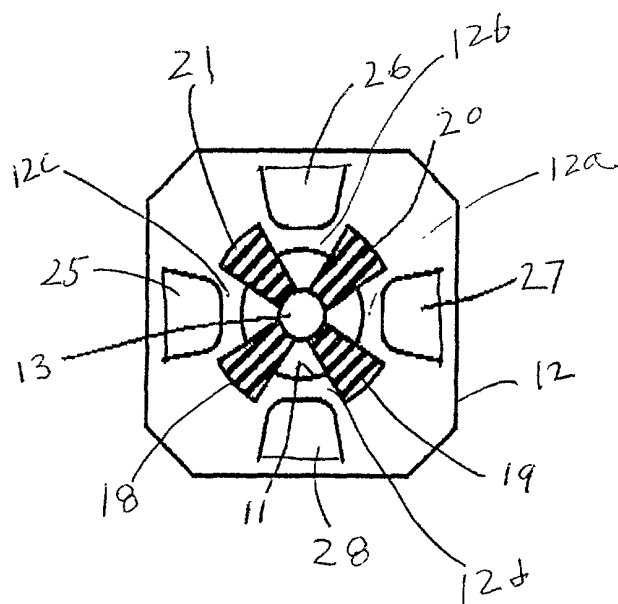


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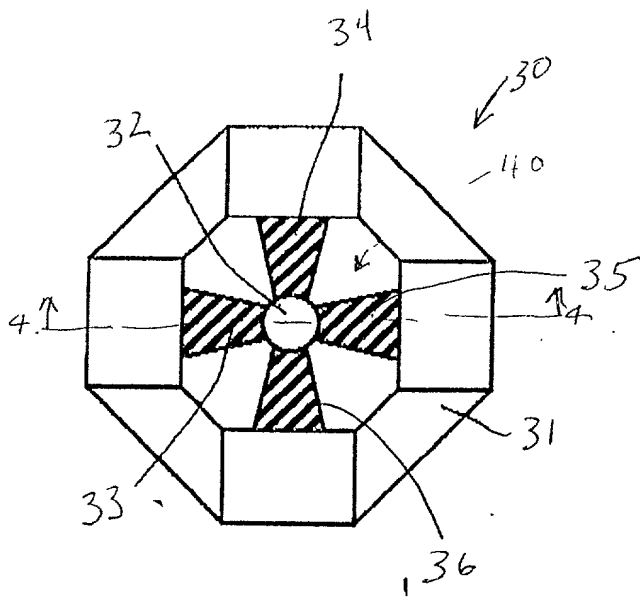


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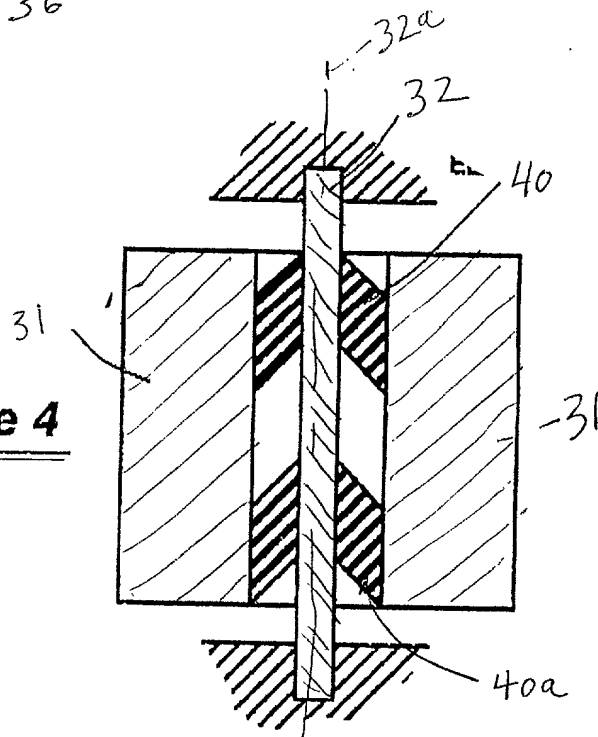


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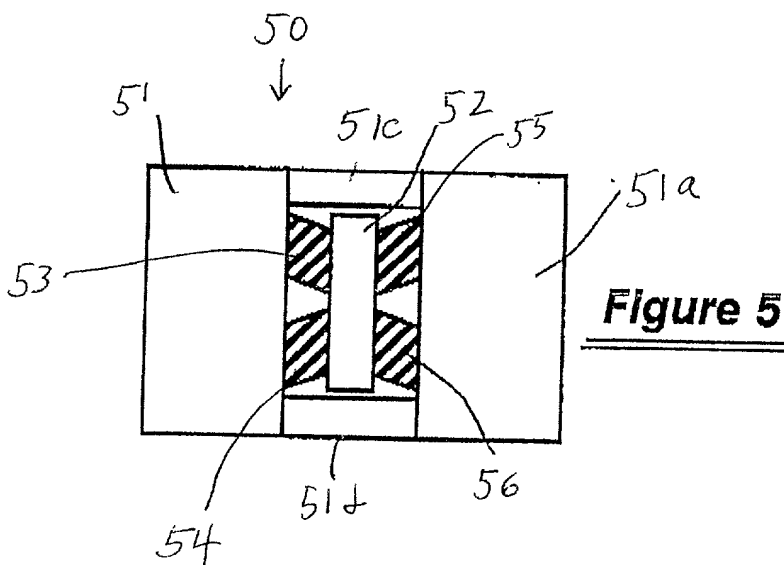
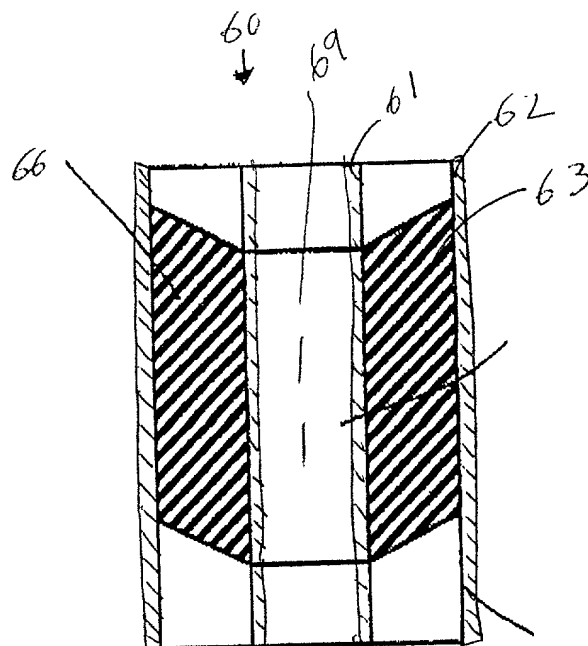
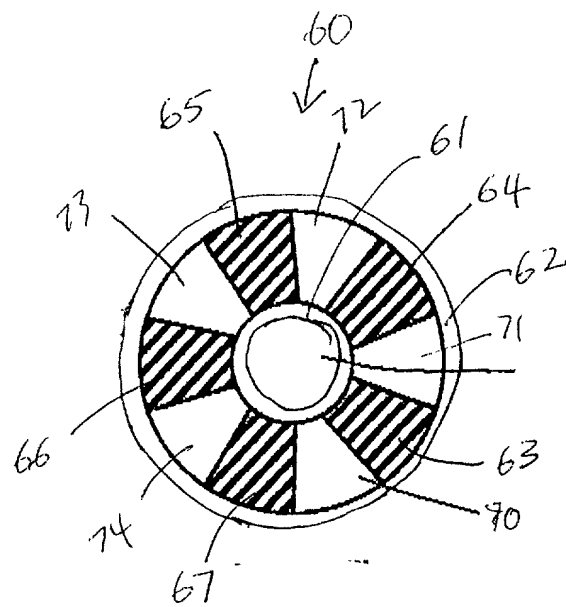


Figure 5



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